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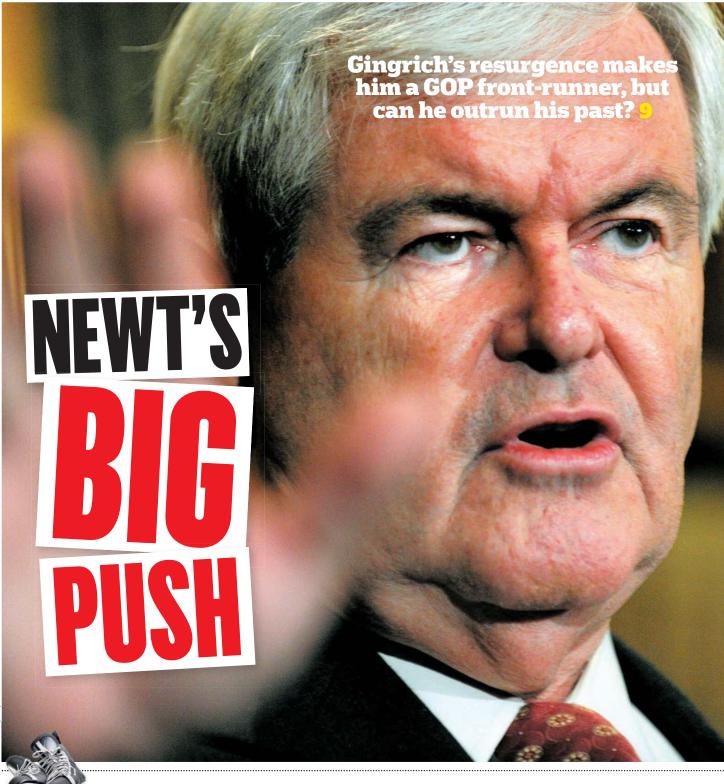


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A Unionville, Ind., man has gotten an early Christmas gift: A 16-foot-tall inflatable Santa Claus stolen from his yard has been returned with \$100 and a note of apology. Jason McClaren says the anonymous note makes it clear that the person who returned the Santa wasn't the thief who took it and two 6-foot-tall penguins this past week. The penguins are still missing. $(\mbox{\sc AP})$

FAILED CAMPAIGNS

'It's Not Her Qualifications. It's That She Never Blinks.'

BarBe Q, a mannequin that serves as the mascot of KT's Barbecue restaurant in Reading, Ohio, survived a drive-by shooting in November but did not fare so well at the ballot box. Just before Election Day, three bullets shattered the window in front of BarBe, narrowly missing the mannequin. Then, she received no votes in her write-in candidacy for mayor of Reading. (AP)

YOU KNOW WHAT WE MEAN

There Are Worse Things to Eat When Trapped in Snow

A Nome, Alaska, man had to survive on frozen beer and snow while trapped in his truck for 60 hours. Clifton Vial and his Toyota Tacoma got stuck in a snow drift last Monday. Vial ate the frozen beers like cans of beans. "I cut the lids off and dug it out with a knife," he said. A co-worker and a search party volunteer found Vial Thursday. He had no signs of frostbite. (AP)



EGO-DRIVEN: Eight Ferraris and a Lamborghini were part of a 14-car crash in Japan Sunday that wrecked more than \$1 million worth of vehicles. "It was a gathering of narcissists," said Mitsuyoshi Isejima, of Yamaguchi Prefecture's Expressway Traffic Police unit. No one was seriously hurt. (AP)

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For Some, the Mail Still Matters

Slow first-class service will affect delivery of movies, magazines

New York

Utility bills are paid, legal briefs are filed and the Christmas shopping all gets done online. But for magazines, clothing catalogs and movies, the mail still matters.

For some mail-dependent businesses, quick and cheap first-class mail service from the U.S. Postal Service is still the best way to reach prospective customers and subscribers. And for many, it's still an important way to get paid.

The Postal Service, which has been losing money for five years, said Monday that it is shuttering more than 200 mail processing centers, adding at least a day's wait for many first-class deliveries. The news was met with concern and frustration from some businesses — and shrugs from others that long ago stopped relying on the post office.

First-class mail is supposed to arrive at U.S. homes and busi-



For many companies, news that the Postal Service is closing more than 200 mail $processing\,centers\,could\,mean\,angry\,customers\,and\,operational\,head aches.$

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POSTAL SERVICE VICE PRESIDENT DAVID WILLIAMS, SAYING MONDAY THE AGENCY WAS PUTTING ITSELF IN PLACE TO RESPOND TO ANY FUTURE CHANGES.

nesses in one to three days; about 42 percent of it arrives in one day. The cutbacks will back up deliveries to two to three days; periodicals could take up to nine days.

The change could represent an operational headache for L.L. Bean, which mails 250 million catalogs a year. Now the company knows the day its catalogs will arrive in homes, and it can put on extra staff at call centers on the

Wrong Approach

Maine Sen. Susan Collins, the top Republican on the Senate committee that oversees the Postal Service, thinks the Postal Service is taking the wrong approach. She says service cuts will only push more consumers to online bill payment or private carriers such as UPS or FedEx, leading to lower revenue. And Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, a member of the House committee that oversees the agency, said he would fight the changes. (AP)

appointed day. It won't be able to do that anymore. "We are increasingly concerned about any proposal that would degrade the level of service," said Carolyn Beem, an L.L. Bean spokeswoman.

Netflix has repeatedly warned in regulatory filings that any Postal Service cutbacks that delay its DVD-by-mail deliveries will make it more difficult to keep subscribers happy. And, with encouragement from Netflix, customers are already abandoning mail service for movies delivered online. JONATHAN FAHEY AND HOPE YEN (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

FAA Chief Put on Leave After Driving Arrest



Babbit

FAA Administrator Randy Babbit, 65, was placed on a leave of absence Monday and U.S. officials said his employment is under review after his arrest on suspicion of drunken

driving Saturday in Fairfax City, Va. (AP)

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

Navy to Remove Training Mine Found on Beach

Authorities say they are working to remove a 6-foot-2 Navy training mine that washed ashore Monday on Miami Beach. A Fire Rescue spokesman Jesus Sola says the Navy will remove the device, and the mine appeared to be live but it wasn't as explosive as a regular mine. (AP)

JACKSON, MISS.

U.S.: Student Work Visa Program Needs Review

According to a federal indictment unsealed last week, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has ordered an "extensive and thorough review" of the J-1 Summer Work Travel visa, a foreign exchange program that has been used by U.S. businesses as a source of cheap labor and exploited by criminals to import women to work in the sex industry. (AP)



Medical Report Cards: Picking a specialist for a delicate medical procedure such as a heart bypass could soon get easier. The government announced Monday that Medicare will allow its extensive claims database to be used by employers, insurance companies and consumer groups to produce report cards on local doctors and hospitals. Released to the public, medical report cards could become a powerful tool for promoting quality care. (AP)

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Nation

Earth-Like Planet Found

NASA: Similarities include length of year, temperature

Washington

The search for Earth-like planets circling other stars is heating up, but the latest discovery is not too hot at all. It's not too cold, either. Instead, the temperature on the newly announced planet Kepler-22b could be just right for life about 72 degrees, a perfect spring day on Earth.

Spied by NASA's Kepler space telescope, Kepler-22b marks the best candidate yet for a life-bearing world beyond our solar system, project scientists said Monday.

"If it has a surface, it ought to have a nice temperature," said lead Kepler scientist, Bill Borucki.

"It's right in the middle of the habitable zone," said Natalie Batahla, a Kepler scientist, referring to the narrow, balmy band of space around any star where water can be liquid.

Besides its balmy temperature, Kepler-22b shares other intriguing similarities with Earth. The planet's home star, about 600 light-years distant and near the constellation Cygnus, is "almost a solar twin," Batah-



An artist's rendering shows Kepler-22b, a planet known to circle in the habitable zone of a sun-like star and to share other intriguing similarities with Earth.

More Discoveries

Scientists have found the biggest black holes known to exist

— each one 10 billion times the size of our sun, according to research reported Monday in the journal Nature. A team led by astronomers at the University of California, Berkeley, discovered the two gigantic black holes in clusters of elliptical galaxies more than 300 million light-years away - relatively close on the galactic scale. The previous black hole record-holder is as large as 6 billion suns. A black hole is formed by the collapse of a super-size star. (AP)

la said. That means the light hitting the planet's surface would be almost the same color as the light hitting Earth. And Kepler-22b's year is almost the same length as an Earth year: 290 days instead of 365.

The announcement of Kepler-22b has amped up excitement among scientists searching for Earth-like planets orbiting sun-like stars, the goal of the \$600 million Kepler mission, which launched into Earth orbit in 2009. Kepler has found 2,326 "candidate planets." Of those, 10 hold special interest — like Kepler-22b, they orbit their stars in the habitable zone. BRIAN VASTAG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The number of California customers who still lack power nearly a week after the worst windstorm in a decade. Thousands of trees were downed last Wednesday and many are still blocking roads, hindering progress. (AP)





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Obama: Extend Payroll Tax Cut

Washington

President Obama pressured Republicans in Congress on Monday to extend a payroll tax cut, saying the economy is "still fragile" and middleclass families need the money.

"My message to Congress is this: Keep your word to the American people and don't raise taxes on them right now," Obama said.

The president has been seeking an extension and expansion to the payroll tax cut that will expire at the end of the year. The White House says taxes on the average family would increase by \$1,000 if the cuts are not extended.

Some Republicans in Congress support the extension, but the parties have been split on how to pay "Now's not the time to slam on the brakes. Now's the time to step on the gas."

— **PRESIDENT OBAMA,** URGING REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS MONDAY TO EXTEND THE PAYROLL TAX CUT.

for it. Obama noted that House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have expressed support for the extension

Meanwhile, Senate Democrats rolled out a compromise that would trim almost \$70 billion from the \$265 billion cost of the payroll tax plan. (AP)





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In Brief

LONDON

Court: Assange Can Seek Extradition Appeal

British judges on Monday granted WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, 40, permission to continue his legal battle to avoid extradition to Sweden over sex crime allegations — but he was warned that his chances of success are slim. Assange has 14 days to request a hearing at the U.K.'s highest court. (AP)

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS **Gbagbo Appears at ICC**

Ivory Coast's ex-president appeared at the International Criminal Court on Monday, the first former head of state to face judges at the world's first permanent war crimes court. Laurent Gbagbo, 66, vowed to fight the charges against him that his supporters committed murder and rape as he rejected an election result and tried to cling to power. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Spree of Bombings Kill 21

Five bomb attacks struck Shiite pilgrims Monday during a religious ritual for the Muslim sect, killing 21 people and wounding nearly 100 others, emphasizing the security challenges that still beset Iraq as the U.S. military leaves the country by Dec. 31. (AP)

Hearsay

"I don't want the next generation to misunderstand history. I don't want them to believe the **Khmer Rouge** are bad people."

- NUON CHEA, THE NO. 2 LEADER OF CAMBODIA'S BRUTAL KHMER ROUGE REGIME ON MONDAY DENVING REFORE A U.N.-BACKED TRIBUNAL THAT HE AND HIS COMPANES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE **DEATHS OF AN ESTIMATED 1.7 MILLION** CAMBODIANS DURING THEIR 1970S RULE.

Euro May Spur Credit Downgrade

15 nations in Europe face a rebuke from S&P over debt crisis

Brussels

Seeking to restore confidence in the euro, the leaders of France and Germany jointly called on Monday for changes to the European Union treaty so that countries using the euro would face automatic penalities if budget deficits ran too high.

But not everyone on Wall Street was reassured that Europe would get control of its debt crisis.

Stock prices rose and borrowing costs for European governments dropped sharply in "Our wish is to go on a forced march re-establishing confidence in the eurozone."

FRENCH PRESIDENT NICOLAS SARKOZY. ON MONDAY. URGING WITH GERMAN CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL CHANG-ING THE EU TREATY SO THAT COUNTRIES USING THE EURO WOULD FACE PENALITIES IF BUDGET DEFICITS RAN TOO HIGH.

response to the changes proposed by French President Nikolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. But some optimism faded Monday when Standard and Poor's threatened to cut its credit ratings on 15 eurozone countries, including Germany, France and Austria, which have been considered Europe's safest government debt issuers.

The announcement came only hours after Sarkozy and Merkel revealed sweeping plans to change EU treaties in an effort to keep tighter checks on nations. The proposal is set to form the basis of discussions at a summit of EU leaders on Thursday and Friday that is expected to provide a blueprint for an exit from the crisis.

While the plan would tie the

The number of euro zone nations not under S&P's credit watch: Cyprus, which was already under review, and Greece, which already holds the world's worst rating. (AP)

eurozone closer together, a tighter union would likely also result in heavier financial burdens for its stronger economies, which have already put up billions to rescue Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

Analysts also noted that the proposals did not foresee a clear roadmap on how to get the eurozone economies growing again and to reduce funding costs for struggling nations in the long-term. GABRIELE STEINHAUSER AND GREG KELLER (AP)

Russian Opposition Rallies Against Putin



POLICE DETAIN AN ACTIVIST Monday night at an opposition rally in St. Petersburg, Russia. Thousands of people in Moscow also protested against Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his party, which won about 50 percent of Sunday's parliamen $tary\,election, a\,vote\,observers\,called\,rigged.\,Estimates\,of\,the\,number\,of\,protesters\,at\,the\,rally\,ranged\,from\,5,000\,to\,10,000.$

Runoff Ups Tensions in Egypt Vote

Cairo

The runoff Monday for Egypt's first-round parliamentary elections heated up tensions between competing Islamist groups that have so far dominated the vote, with scuffles breaking out and death threats allegedly issued.

The strife shows the challenges facing the front-runner, the Muslim Brotherhood, after hard-line Islamist parties made a surprisingly strong showing.

The more moderate Brotherhood, which took about 37 percent of last week's vote, according to results released Sunday, is under pressure to reassure Egyptians and foreign allies that the country is committed to democracy. (AP)

The number of days — a record — that Belgium has gone without a government, which is set to end Tuesday with the swearing-in of Elio Di Rupo as prime minister. Dutch- and French-speaking politicians have been gridlocked over linguistic differences. Di Rupo, 60, will be the country's first French-speaking leader in nearly 40 years. (AP)

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Cover Story



The former House speaker scrambles to secure votes as his support surges

New York

Surging in opinion polls, a confident Newt Gingrich declared Monday he plans to challenge Barack Obama in every state next year, and he began running a gauzy TV ad — his first — to push toward the Republican nomination to take on the president.

With only one month until the primary season begins, the GOP race has seemed to narrow to a contest between Gingrich and Mitt Romney.

Each spent the day wooing donors, Gingrich on the East Coast and Romney on the West Coast, as the hunt for cash intensified ahead of the costly contests that begin Jan. 3 in Iowa.

The two will cross paths Wednesday as the candidates convene in Washington. It is shaping up to be a pivotal debate, given that Gingrich's recent comeback has been fueled largely by a string of strong performances in which he demonstrated policy expertise and was

able to appear statesmanlike while steering clear of criticizing his GOP rivals. Gingrich, the latest GOP candidate to enjoy a burst of momentum, is working to prove that he's a serious contender with staying power, unlike other Republican hopefuls who have risen quickly only to tumble from the spotlight.

To that end, Monday was supposed to be a day for the former House speaker to capitalize on Herman Cain's departure from the race and his own soaring poll numbers.

But Gingrich's expected show of force didn't go exactly as planned. He's drawn fire over the past week

for suggesting that poor children as young as 9 should work at least parttime cleaning their schools to learn about work, and twice on Monday he tried to explain himself.

The idea, Gingrich said, would be "to get them into the world of work, get them into the opportunity to earn money, to get them into the habit of showing up and realizing that effort is rewarded and America is all about the work ethic."

Meanwhile, Gingrich's organizational struggles were coming to light.

He has missed the deadline to appear on Missouri's Feb. 7 primary ballot. He said Monday he did not plan to compete there because the state was stripped of its delegates for violating Republican pri-

"I never thought I'd live such a good life that I would see Newt Gingrich be the nominee of the Republican Party."

— **HOUSE MINORITY LEADER NANCY PELOSI,** D-CALIF., SPEAKING IN A RECENT INTERVIEW, IN WHICH SHE ALLUDED TO THE 1997 HOUSE ETHICS PROBE THAT INVESTIGATED GINGRICH'S USE OF TAX-DEDUCTIBLE FUNDS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. "I KNOW A LOT ABOUT HIM," SHE SAID.



The Trump Factor

Newt Gingrich met Monday with real estate mogul Donald Trump, above, who flirted with a bid for the GOP nomination. But Trump said he would refrain from endorsing a candidate until after he hosts a debate a week before lowa's caucuses. Nearly every major GOP candidate has met with Trump in New York. Being on Trump's good side is much easier and (politically) safer than not, as Trump has a big platform and likes to use it, analysts say. (AP/ THE WASHINGTON POST)



Tuning In

Newt Gingrich's campaign imploded during the summer but is having something of a comeback as voters are tuning in. Gingrich is using his first ad, scheduled for lowa markets, to promote a positive vision for his campaign:

Title: "Is the America We Love a Thing of the Past? Newt Says No." Imagery: The ad is laden with Americana, down to a white picket fence and the Statue of Liberty. It uses stock images of Main Street, a mountain range, a steel plant and a farm. "Some people say the America we know and love is a thing of the past. I don't believe that," Gingrich says in the minute-long spot. Analysis: The Reagan-esque ad doesn't mention any GOP rivals or explicitly criticize President Obama. Instead, it tugs at the heartstrings and is a hearty helping of what GOP voters are looking for — American greatness, criticism of Washington and faith. (AP)

mary rules.

The troubles are perhaps most urgent in Ohio, where candidates face a Wednesday deadline to submit between 50 and 150 signatures from registered Republicans from each of the state's 16 congressional districts.

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And there's no indication that Gingrich's team has begun to gather signatures to meet upcoming deadlines in such states as Virginia, Illinois and Indiana.

Gingrich dismissed the notion that his team wasn't up to the task of waging a credible challenge against the better-funded, better-organized Romney and defended his bare-bones approach, which is one that could be more out of necessity: As of Sept. 30, his campaign was in the red.

"We run a very decentralized campaign," he insisted Monday. "The system works." Beth fouhy and shannon mccaffrey (AP)

Local



LIBRARY

Amnesty Alert

The D.C. Public Library says it will forgive fines on overdue books and other materials as part of a new campaign. Starting Monday, library users can go to any D.C. library branch and clear their record under the "Check It In" program.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Council Member Under Scrutiny

Chairman will meet with Thomas, whose home the feds raided

Washington

The chairman of the D.C. Council said Monday he would meet privately with a council member who is the subject of a federal criminal probe to discuss the concerns of his fellow members.

Backstory



Washington

FBI and IRS agents searched the home of Council member Harry Thomas Jr. for more than eight hours Friday

and seized his SUV and motorcycle. Thomas has been accused of diverting more than \$300,000 in city funds for personal use. (AP)

A weekend standoff between Occupy D.C. protesters and police

that prompted 31 arrests marred

weeks of largely peaceful co-exis-

tence and led to a court fight, but

it was unclear Monday whether

the flare-up would quickly pass

or lead to a wider confrontation

The council met in private for about an hour Monday afternoon to discuss Council member Harry Thomas Jr. but took no action against the Ward 5 Democrat. Chairman Kwame Brown said he heard "ideas and suggestions" from his colleagues and that he would meet with Thomas to discuss those options.

Council member Jack Evans, D-Ward 2, said the council doesn't have much authority to punish

Tone May Shift for D.C. Occupiers

Thomas, and he said there's no consensus about what should be done.

"The council could reprimand a member, and that's it. There's nothing else we can do. Even to censure a member, we have to do an investigation first," Evans said.

Also, the Committee on Government Operations, which Thomas sits on, approved a wide-ranging ethics reform bill earlier Monday. (AP)

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between the sides.

Police began making arrests
Sunday after Occupy protesters
refused to disassemble and get
down from an unfinished wooden building they had erected for
winter

On Monday, protesters milling about now-peaceful McPherson Square were unsure what lasting effect Sunday's conflict might have on their relationship with police.

"I think they overreacted," one protester, Earl Cody Parsons, 21, said of the police. "I think they were trying to use that as kind of a message to us ... that, 'You can't do whatever you want."



 $Park \, Police \, tear \, down \, an \, illegal \, structure \, in \, Mc Pherson \, Square \, on \, Sunday \, in \, D.C. \, and \, Square \, on \, Sunday \, in \, D.C. \, and \, Square \, on \, Square \, on$

Others disagreed.

Raymond Voide, a 51-yearold artist, said he wanted no part in Sunday's dispute and praised the police for keeping the gathering safe.

He said the conflict over the wooden structure amounted to a

"slap in the face to the police" and added, "I really don't want to slap the police in the face."

He said Sunday's events could harm the relationship.

"Eventually, they'll get tired of us and throw us ... out," he said.

The Lotteries

Monday, Dec.5

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Maryland

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Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	7-4-6
Mid-day Pick 4	5-5-9-3
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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

DC Rider



Metro Pats Itself on the Back

How embarrassing is it that Metro had to have a press conference to celebrate the repair of escalators at Union Station and Foggy Bottom? Is it really necessary to celebrate Metro doing what it's supposed to do, at a snail's pace?

Riding Metro can be pretty depressing with so much stuff torn up for repairs. I like the idea of a senior Metro official coming out and saying, "We know this has been a problem, we did something about it, and thanks for your patience while we were doing it." The leaders need to be out there when things go wrong, too.

I often smell a strong burning plastic smell in the Virginia Square station and other stations. The odor often makes me feel light-headed and has induced an asthma attacks. What is the origin of these toxic fumes, and how come nothing is being done about it?

I think that might be the odor that goes through stations when a train operator applies the brakes too hard. It's pretty nasty. A reader tells me that it's steel dust, which he recognize from his time working in machine shops. It's not only an unpleasant odor, the steel dust also is a source of the grime in the stations.

Am I the only person who thinks the emperor has no clothes on when it comes to cable cars? How can installing an entirely new system that requires tearing up roads and installing overhead wires beat additional bus service? Am I missing something?

You don't mean cable cars like San Francisco, right? Sounds like you're referring to the streetcars planned for D.C. and along Columbia Pike in Arlington. The streetcars would carry more people than buses, and provide a smoother ride — things that would expand ridership, Also, the streetcars and their stops are a way of focusing development in a community.

This weekend was absolutely miserable. I live at Silver Spring and I had several errands to run on Saturday, taking me from Anacostia to Pentagon City to Silver Spring back to Capitol Hill. I understand maintenance needs to be done, but closing a third of the Red Line is NOT the answer.

That was the last big disruption for the year. Metro has some single-tracking maintenance coming up this weekend, but no station closings. As a concept, I don't mind Metro stationing a decentsized group of employees at each station for these planned disruptions. If it turns out there's a problem, like a lot of confused riders, it's tough to shift employees among the stations to respond when there's no train service.

Metrobus Involved in **NE Accident**

Washington

A Metrobus hit a Mazda SUV midmorning Monday after the vehicle crossed into its path at 13th Street and Florida Avenue Northeast, officials said. Twelve people were injured, but none critically.

Dan Stessel, Metro's chief spokesman, said the incident occurred about 11:45 a.m. when the bus was traveling on Florida Avenue toward Union Station. He said a sanitation truck rear-ended the SUV, causing it to "cross into oncoming traffic" in front of the bus. (the washington post)

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Sports

In Brief



Kurt Busch said on Monday that he is leaving Penske Racing after six years.

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Busch, Penske Split

Kurt Busch and Penske Racing parted ways Monday after six bumpy seasons, a split that clouds the former champion's future in NASCAR as he embarks on a personal journey to reclaim his passion for racing. In the latest embarrassing incident, a fan caught Busch on video verbally abusing an ESPN reporter during last month's season finale, and Busch was fined \$50,000 by NASCAR. (AP)

PRO BASEBQLL

Late Red Sox Clubhouse Chief Accused of Abuse

A man who worked as a teenager in the Red Sox clubhouse with big-name players such as Roger Clemens and Wade Boggs said his "dream job" ended abruptly when the clubhouse manager sexually assaulted him. Charles Crawford and another Massachusetts man are now accusing Donald Fitzpatrick, who died in 2005, of abusing them in the early 1990s. The men are seeking \$5 million settlements from the team. (AP)

HOYAS HOOPS

Hoyas Forward Honored

Georgetown's Hollis Thompson, who made the shot to beat No.12 Alabama Thursday, was named the Big East's player of the week on Monday. The junior forward averaged 17.7 points, 6.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists in three wins last week for the Hoyas, who are now ranked No. 18 by The AP. (EXPRESS)

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The Caps-Panthers game ended after deadline on Monday | for a full recap, washingtonpost.com/sports

Stirring the Pot

Likely suspensions for drugs add drama to Redskins' bad year

The Redskins

It was apparently too much to ask. The Redskins just can't seem to get through a season without a major off-the-field distraction.

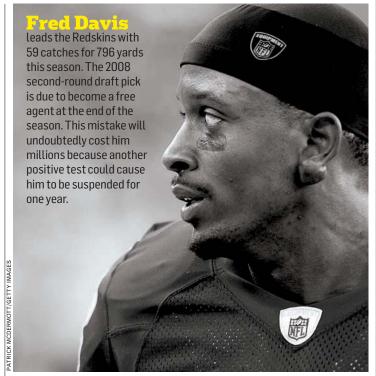
Players and coaches waited Monday for the NFL to formally announce that two of Washington's top offensive players — tight end Fred Davis and left tackle Trent Williams — will be suspended for the rest of the season for violating the league's substance abuse policy, a blow to coach Mike Shanahan's hopes to build a team with a reputation for high-character players.

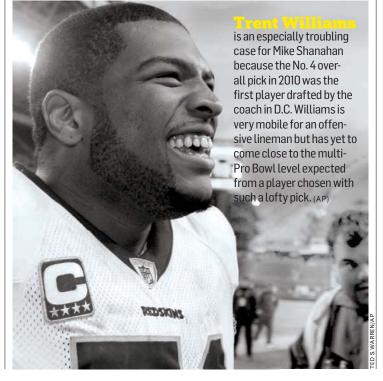
"It's just something else that's kind of added to the Redskins' drama," linebacker Lorenzo Alexander said.

Two people familiar with the decision, speaking on condition of anonymity because no official announcement had been made, told The Associated Press on Sunday that Williams and Davis are expected to be suspended for four games.

One of the people told the AP that the two players were among 11 who failed drug tests during a lock-out-related grace period negotiated between the NFL and the players' union. The other nine players' cases were dismissed because they were first-time offenders; Davis and Williams each have tested positive more than once for marijuana, the person told The AP.

Neither Williams nor Davis appeared in the locker room during the period it was open to reporters Monday morning. Their lock-





ers are adjacent to each other in one corner.

"They're both great guys," Alexander said. "Obviously, this is going to create a different perception of them off the field. But I know these guys intimately being in here every day with them. Both guys I love dearly, great teammates, and they go out there, bust their butt every time they're on the field."

"It is disappointing, because everybody's aware of the rules and how the NFL carries out the drug policy."

— **LB LORENZO ALEXANDER,** ON NEWS THAT TWO REDSKINS PLAYERS MIGHT BE SUSPENDED FOR USING MARIJUANA.

Nearby was a reminder of how hard it is for a player to ignore the league's drug policy. A notice written on bright green paper attached to long snapper Nick Sundberg's locker read: "You have been randomly selected by the NFL drug testing program's medical adviser to complete a urine doping test today." The word "today" was underlined.

The Redskins (4-8) have lost seven of eight, but at least up to now they had appeared relatively well-behaved. Players were happy to report early in the season that they were becoming a boring team, a sharp contrast to the Donovan McNabb and Albert Haynesworth distractions of 2010 and the many other sagas of recent years. Cornerback DeAngelo Hall's occasional outbursts and a highly criticized defamation suit filed by owner Dan Snyder were among the few bits of extra static in 2011.

Now there's something new. "It'll be tough," receiver Jabar Gaffney said. "It's two guys that we count on a lot in the offense. It would be hard to replace those guys, but we have to." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



SI's Best: The winningest coaches in women's and men's college basketball, Pat Summitt and Mike Krzyzewski, respectively, were selected Monday as Sports Illustrated's sportswoman and sportsman of the year. Tennessee's Summitt announced in August she had been diagnosed with early onset dementia but will keep coaching. She earned her 1,075th career win Sunday. Duke's Krzyzewski passed Bob Knight on Nov. 15 when he won his 903rd game. (AP)

Sports

'He's the Comeback Kid'

Broncos rally behind Tebow, who keeps on working his magic

Pro Football

The Denver Broncos are living on the edge and loving it.

They've won six of seven games since Tim Tebow became their starting quarterback, and five of those have involved second-half comebacks, including a 35-32 win at Minnesota on Sunday that pushed them into a tie with Oakland atop the AFC West at 7-5.

The recipe for this remarkable resurgence is to hang around with a usually stellar defense and a ball-control, low-risk, no-frills offense, playing for field position. That is until crunch time, when Tebow takes over and either scrambles for a touchdown or sets up Matt Prater for a game-winning kick.

"He's the comeback kid. That's what we call him," receiver Eric Decker said. "He brings this attitude about him that he's so posi-

Call Him Mr. Clutch

Counting his first career win against Houston last season, Tim Tebow, whose dogged determination and running abilities make up for his imperfect passes, is 7-3 in his NFL career. Five of those victories have been fourth-quarter rallies. The only other quarterbacks in league history to collect five fourth-quarter comebacks in their first 10 pro starts were the Giants' Scott Brunner and the Raiders' Marc Wilson, both in 1980. (AP)

"If we have a chance to win, we're going to win."

— **DENVER WR ERIC DECKER,** ON THE CONFIDENCE THE TEAM HAS IN TIM TEBOW TO LEAD A COMEBACK.

tive and always optimistic. That does rub off on guys."

The growing compilation of comebacks has boosted the Broncos' confidence in Tebow and each other. They've overcome a 1-4 start under Kyle Orton to head into the final four weeks with a chance to end their

five-year playoff drought.

With Tebow running — literally — an unconventional offense that has turned the NFL on its ear, the Broncos have decided they're going to beat teams the old-fashioned way in this pass-happy league.

They're not winning many style points, but they're unflinching in their methods. "I don't necessarily think for us it matters too much how we get the W or who makes the plays," Tebow said. "... It doesn't matter what the score is or how good it looks, because the reason we play is to win, and that's all that matters." (AP)

Luck Heads List For the Heisman

College Football

Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck came into the season as the heavy favorite to win the Heisman Trophy. On Monday, he took another step toward realizing the lofty expectations.

Luck was among five finalists announced for college football's highest honor late Monday. His competition includes Baylor QB Robert Griffin III, Wisconsin RB Montee Ball, LSU CB Tyrann Mathieu and Alabama RB Trent Richardson. (EXPRESS)

TV Lineup

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN; 9 P.M., ESPN, ESPN2) Mis-

souri and Villanova tip off in New York, followed by Washington against Marquette. Also, Miami hosts Memphis.

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., VERSUS)

The St. Louis Blues face off against the Detroit Red Wings

SOCCER (2:30 P.M., CSN) Porto hosts Zenit in the Champions League. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M.,**

ESPN2) Connecticut plays Texas A&M.



HALL OF FAME

Belated Honor

Ron Santo was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame on Monday, chosen by the Veterans Committee nearly a year to the day after the Cubs third baseman died hoping for the honor. He was a nine-time All-Star, hit 342 home runs and won five Gold Gloves. (AP)

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Dempsey Lifts Fulham to Dramatic Win

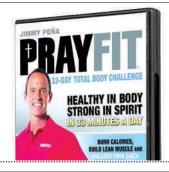


CLINT DEMPSEY LEAPS FOR JOY after scoring the winning goal in Fulham's 1-0 victory over Liverpool in Monday's English Premier League match.

1998

The last time that an Ivy League team cracked The AP's top 25 men's basket-ball rankings until Monday, when Harvard made the list for the first time. The last Ivy team was Princeton, which made the top 10 late in the 1997-98 season. (AP)





Guinea Pig | Cross Fit

You won't forget the reason for the season sweating along with Jimmy Peña's "Prayfit: 33-Day Total Body Challenge" (\$15, Lionsgate). His pitch: If Jesus could give us 33 years, you can give 33 minutes a day — of body weight-based strength training, cardio, abs work and stretching. The moves (squats, push-ups, jumping jacks, planks) are basic but effective. And he delivers an impressive sermon that quotes C.S. Lewis and explains why God wants you to be hot. Talk about motivation!

Nice Ice, Baby

ICE SKATING LESSONS AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART'S SCULPTURE GARDEN (PAVILIONCAFE.COM/SKATINGSCHOOL.HTML), \$130 FOR A FIVE-WEEK SESSION.

The Sculpture Garden's ice rink offers more than just a pretty view. For the third year in a row, adults and kids (as young as 3) can take skating lessons. In the adult classes, Sculpture Garden Skating School director Alice
Shelley tells students to use each piece

ture Garden Skating School director Alic Shelley tells students to use each piece of art as a reminder to practice a particular move. "If you see the spider, they know, 'I have to do some toe pick work,'" Shelley says. Classes are open to 10 people, and sessions start Jan. 2 and Feb. 6. Register Dec. 18 or Feb. 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Pavilion Café or email ngaicerink@guestservices.com.

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The holidays are about being together, so keep the bond going at this all-ages yoga studio that recently relocated to Tenleytown. Several classes are designed for families, including Tough Love PLAYTIME. The first half-hour consists of strength-training exercises for adults (while children can whoop it up in the playroom). The last 30 minutes are devoted to parent/kid yoga. Or get in some solo stretching. In addition to kiddie classes, such as Littles (3- to 5-year-olds), there are plenty of adults-only programs. One new option: barre fusion.

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This two-hour fitting process is for the cyclist who has everything — including some nagging pains. The rider has sensors placed on his or her wrists, elbows, shoulders, hips, knees, ankles, heels and toes. And then it's time to sweat. It takes about 30 minutes of riding for the sensors to gather the info needed to create a 3-D image of how the body moves on the bike, which helps a physical therapist figure out what needs to be tweaked. "It's about becoming more efficient and getting more out of your ride, but it's also a lot about just being comfortable," says Revolution's Stacey Moses.



Hand in Hand

INTRO TO HAND DANCE LESSONS, JOY OF MOTION (7315 WISCONSIN AVE., BETHESDA; 301-986-0016, JOYOFMOTION.ORG), \$99 FOR SIX WEEKS.

Say "I love you. And I love D.C." by taking your sweetie hand dancing. It's a type of swing that became Washington's official dance in 1999, but it's been popular since the 1950s, says instructor Alvin Prather. He teaches beginners the basic move: matching your feet to six beats of music. He also works on stationary turns and simple traveling steps. "It's a great activity for your health as well as great fun," Prather says. The next session begins Jan. 5.

Dive Right In

SCUBA LESSONS, SPE DIVE SCHOOL (4600 NORTH PARK AVE., SUITE 111, CHEVY CHASE, MD.; 301-657-2266, SCUBAEDU.COM), \$295. Go for the lessons; stay for the tropical paradise vacation. The open-water course

open-water course is a three-part program requiring 24 hours of training that culminates in a dive off Grand Cayman. Choose between weekend courses that meet for 12 hours a day for two days, or night classes that meet four times in the classroom (to learn about emergency procedures and how to read dive charts) and twice in the pool. Certification is open to anyone older than 12 and able to complete 10 minutes of floating and 200 yards of swim-

ming. Although the school pro-

vides most equipment, students

bring their own masks, snorkels

and fins. The trip to the Caribbe-

an is extra. But that would make

a nice Valentine's Day present.

WRAPUPAN EXERCISE



There's a chance she'll really love that set of dumbbells. But there's also the chance that they'll go over about as well as a lump of coal. It's possible to give the gift of fitness and get thanks in return — instead of a slap to the face. You just need to think outside the box. Here are six ideas to get everyone on your gift list moving. STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

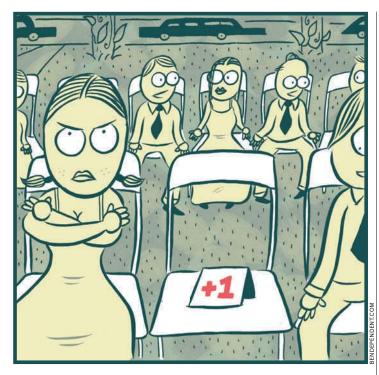
Take a Hike

MEMBERSHIP TO THE CAPITAL HIKING CLUB (CAPITALHIKINGCLUB.ORG), \$12 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP Stuff this into a stocking with a good pair of socks. The 47-year-old organization offers 5- to 12-mile hikes 52 weekends a year, often with add-ons such as visits to wineries and Civil War battlefields. Membership has its privileges: a quarterly hike schedule, maps and a discount on some trips. No experience is necessary, but hikers must be in good physical condition, says club

board member Christine Powell. "To go out there, you do have to make sure you're a regular walker or at least occasional hiker or runner or somebody in shape," she says. "But we're not out to kill ourselves. We're out to have fun."



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This Plus-One Is a Negative

I recently got invited to a friend's wedding. My boyfriend, who agreed to go with me, suddenly dropped out at the last second. This infuriated me, as this has become a major problem in our relationship. I want to be with him, but how do I get him to grow up and be a more responsible person? He's 23. STOOD UP

So what was his excuse: Sickness? Fatigue? A sudden, virulent allergy to Etta James' "At Last"?

Clearly, if it's become a major problem in your relationship, you must have a lot more examples. Behind every flake is a person struggling with something, such as disorganization or social anxiety or passive-aggressive anger. Maybe it's an issue between the two of you, like a communication breakdown

or an inability to jointly prioritize. Or, more ominously, this could represent a total disregard for your feelings. You have to talk to him about this, explaining your frequent disappointment and how tough it is when he lets you down. If he values your feelings and is motivated to improve your relationship, then together you can work on discovering what's behind his behavior and come up with a plan to address it.

Sure, He's Old, But Not Mature

I'm a 30-some-

thing woman very

much interested in a 60-something man, but I expect him to treat me better. He's always been welcome at my home, but when I ask to visit him, he has a dozen excuses (there's too much security in his building and I'd have to sign in, etc.). He never takes me out or spends any money on me. The only time we see each other is a few times a month at my home. A part of me believes that he may be juggling many young women at once. I believe he's truly unaware of how much unhappiness he's bringing me. What should I do to get him to treat me like I want to be treated? FRUSTRATED WITH MY OLD MAN

Admittedly, it doesn't sound good. In fact, it sounds like a Lifetime movie.

You have to acknowledge what you're looking for here. Romance? Attention? Commitment? Just some shrimp scampi? After you figure that out, you must determine the likelihood of getting it from him. (Don't go on promises, but on his track record.) But expecting him to change is pretty unrealistic. He's never once let you see his home? Sounds like a relationship that was over before it began.



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Off Season Tri members complete a treadmill workout before getting a bite to eat.

Warming Up For Good Times

The Off Season Tri helps women sweat, socialize, shop and sip

Good things always come in threes— at least they do for triathlete Karen Willard, 35. A couple years back, the Arlington resident went to a clothing warehouse sale with pals. They went on a bike ride first and grabbed a bite to eat after they were finished shopping. "I thought, 'This is like a triathlon," she says.

Ever since, Willard's been putting together similar outings combining a workout, a meal and a fun activity for friends. Because she typically organizes these events during the winter, when no races are on the horizon, she named her group the Off Season Tri.

USA Triathlon, the governing body of the sport, liked the idea so much as a way to encourage female participation that it awarded her a grant to expand the scope of the program. So this year, Willard's events are open to anyone who follows the OST's Facebook page.

December's event, scheduled for Saturday, features a swim workout at Wilson Aquatic Center, followed by a bottomless-mimosa brunch and a spa visit for mani-pedis. It filled up in less than 24 hours. (Coaching is covered by the grant, but attendees need to pay for pool admission, meals and spa services.) Info about a January cycling-centric event will be posted on the site soon.

The social time is a chance for beginners to ask questions about what exactly is required to get to the finish line. "A triathlon is no joke. It's not just a lot of exercise," says Willard, who did her first tri in 2007, expecting it would be a once-in-alifetime accomplishment. Instead, she got hooked, and this year, she completed her first Ironman.

Janie Hayes, 38, has been doing triathlons for 14 years, has completed four Ironmans and often places in her races. What she loves about the OST is that it brings together a crew with so many different interests and skills, and they inspire her to improve aspects of her fitness she would otherwise ignore, such as strength training. "We push each other to do more, whether it's pushups or the mimosas," she says.

That explains what's happened to 31-year-old Sandy George. "This time two months ago, you couldn't have gotten me into the pool to do laps," she says. Now, the Capitol Hill resident is swimming four days a week, and she's signed up for her first triathlon — an Ironman. "It's easier to try new things when you have other people with you," George says. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



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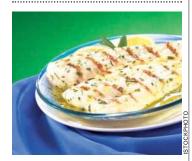


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Eating this fish for dinner is a smart choice if you want to avoid Alzheimer's.

NEUROLOGY

There's Something Fishy About Bigger Brains

Fishing for a way to lower your risk of Alzheimer's disease? Try fishing. Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Centerfound that elderly subjects in a study who ate baked or broiled fish at least once a week had larger brains. They had more mass in several regions of the brain responsible for memory and learning. Plus, these healthy fish eaters were better able to execute routine tasks. (People who ate their fish fried, however, did not exhibit the same brain benefits.)

PSYCHOLOGY

Not a One-Track Mind

Some politicians might think about sex every seven seconds, but most people don't, according to a new Ohio State University study. Researchers set out to debunk the notion that guys think about sex that frequently — which adds up to more than 8,000 thoughts in a day. Among college students who recorded their thoughts for a week, the numbers were much lower. For men, the tally of daily sexual thoughts ranged from one to 388. (Women ranged from one to 140.)

INJURIES

Really Burning Muscles

You might think that the most likely place for a firefighter to get injured is next to a blaze. But it's actually the gym. A report published in the journal Injury Prevention noted that exercise-related injuries accounted for one-third of the total among 650 employees at fire stations in Tucson, Ariz. Just 10 percent of the injuries were sustained during firefighting, but those were more likely to be serious.



Which meat to eat, how to pick sides that won't stick to your sides, and more steak house survival guidance

Few meals satisfy like a good steak. And few things will ruin a good steak quicker than choosing the wrong cut or dousing your slab in a heavy-handed sauce. That's why it's best to take your steaks simply grilled when eating out and to choose a lean cut, such as sirloin. Unfortunately, the restaurant namesake isn't the only potential pitfall at the steak house. You'll also face waistline-wrecking appetizers and side dishes that contain as many calories as the entrees. Prevent a dining disaster with these 10 steak house survival tips.

Choose Your Apps Wisely

Depending on how upscale the steak house is, the appetizer list can either be your saving grace or your downfall. Lowbrow steak sellers are most likely pushing wings, potato skins and cheese fries almost exclusively. But if your restaurant requires a reservation, expect to find first-class starters such as raw oysters, and shrimp and crab cocktails.

2 Order Grass-Fed Beef

What a novel concept: Feed cows what they were born to eat! Unfortunately, most American steers are raised on corn, which makes for a more mild-tasting, fat-swaddled cut of beef. Grass-fed beef, on the other hand, is lean and loaded with omega-3 fatty acids.

Watch the Potatoes A plate of steak house fries

or hash browns will likely add 500 calories to your beef entree, and a large baked potato has nearly 300 calories before factoring in toppings. That means mashed is the way to go, since even a scoop rarely tops the

Cut Out the Fat

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mark.

"Prime" is a term used by the USDA that means a piece of beef is deeply marbled — which is code for incredibly fat-strewn. Only 3 percent of beef processed in the United States receives this rating, and most of that goes to restaurants. You'll pay for it on the plate and again on the scale.

Know Your Sauces

A sauce can make or break your hunk of beef. Béarnaise, made almost entirely from egg yolks and melted butter, is the worst of the options. Peppercorn, based on wine or brandy, beef stock and green peppercorns, is the best.

6 Avoid the Rib Eve

A rib eye has $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the fat of a sirloin. If you want a better middle ground, try a strip steak.

Go Sirloin

This is probably the leanest cut you'll find on the menu, and aside from filet mignon, it's the only one you can eat without blasting past 500 calories. Just be sure to cap your serving at 9 ounces.

Beware the Porterhouse

This big boy consists of two distinct cuts of beef: the tenderloin and the strip loin. After you cut a 20-ounce porterhouse from the bone, you have about 14 ounces of meat, 1,100 calories and 32 grams of saturated fat.



Burger Doesn't Mean Better

Steak house burgers are juicy for one reason: They're made from leftover steak trimmings, which can carry fat levels in excess of 30 percent. You're much better off with a regular steak.

Nix the Chicken Fried Steak

Steak faces plenty of challenges without being breaded and fried like a piece of chicken. It's a fat-on-fat crime, with a gravy misdemeanor to top it all off. Just be sure you have your cardiologist on speed dial.

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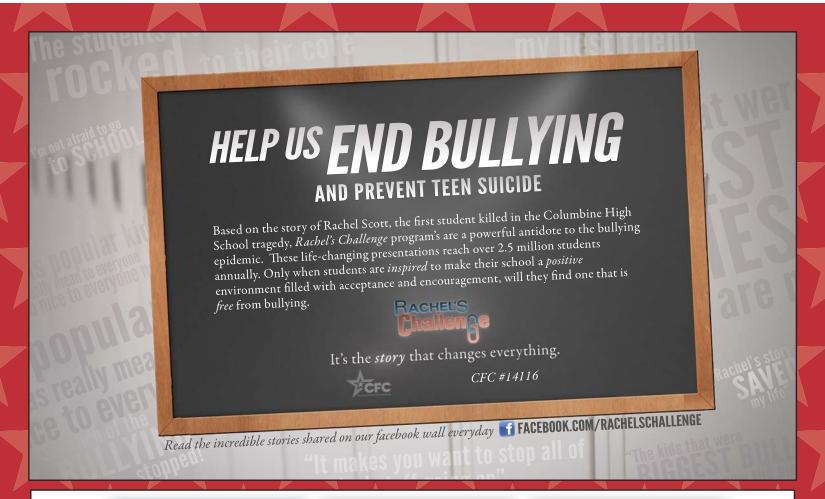
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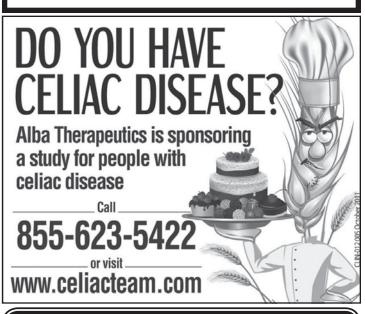
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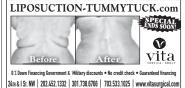
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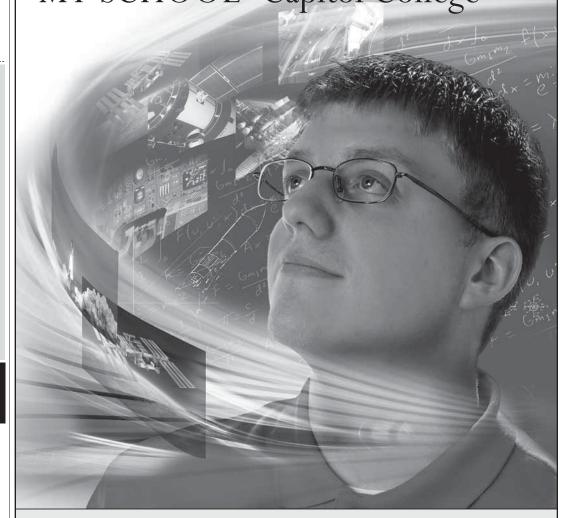


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Speaker Of the Blouse



A Holiday Tail

Bergdorf Goodman, the famed luxury department store on New York City's Fifth Avenue, is probably the most intimidating retail outpost in Manhattan. The nine-story palace can make you feel like a 6-year-old girl, still nervous to touch anything for fear of a "break it, buy it" policy.



During the holidays, crowds flock to BG's to see its fantastical window displays. This year's "Carnival of the Animals" mixes exotic metal birds, tropical fish, zebras and \$10,000 gowns in a

backdrop of feathers and mosaics.

But this year, Bergdorf's outdid its windows with a holiday video that's so darn cute the brand's exclusivity seemed to melt right off.

The stars of the film? Puppies!

"Unleashed," a short holiday promo video (Blog.bergdorfgoodman. com), features a pack of terriers, Labs et al running around the store as "In the Hall of the Mountain King" blares. They shop. They dine. They chew up Christmas trees. Basically, the canines do all the things you'd love to do in a swanky store.

But the film has a point, too: There's a sweet twist, and the cutest puppy of all gets a true yuletide gift. HINT: You can't buy it at Bergdorf's.



Charm Self-deprecating wit and TV appearances elevate the crooner

to arena-level fame

Personalities

Three months after his album "Crazy Love" debuted atop the Billboard 200 in October 2009, Michael Bublé made his first appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." In addition to performing, the Canadian crooner showed off his funny side in a skit with Jon Hamm.

Helped along by a clip of the skit on Hulu, Bublé's Jan. 30, 2010, appearance sparked online chatter and helped fuel an 8.8 percent sales gain for "Crazy Love" that week. The artist himself views the guest spot as a career highlight. "You always want to put that on your résumé, to say that you got there," Bublé told PopEater. com at the time. Now, with another No. 1 album, "Christmas," in stores, Bublé will return as a musical guest on "SNL" Dec. 17.

This year, Bublé has used a bevy of exposure avenues. "Christmas" was marketed in the summer on Facebook after his "Crazy Love" arena tour concluded. A photo memoir was released in London. And he won the traditional pop Grammy Award.



Backstory

This 'Christmas'

Unlike most acts who try their hand at carols and holiday classics, Michael Bublé had a vision for his album, "Christmas," that required time, planning and a 60-piece orchestra. "This record was too important to me," he says. "I set out, egotistically, to make a standard Christmas record, the quintessential record that would stay relevant years after I'm gone." P.G.

It's TV, though, where Bublé has had his greatest impact. Along with appearing on shows with high-profile music slots, he'll host his first network special, "A Michael Bublé Christmas," Tuesday at 8 p.m. on NBC. The special, Bublé says, will include six or seven songs with most of the hour used for skits and digital shorts. Guests include Justin Bieber, Kellie Pickler, Ed Helms, Tracy Morgan and Oscar the Grouch.

Humor, Bublé says, is a key reason he's been able to reach the arena level as a performer and sell more than 13 million albums.

"About four years ago, I asked my manager about certain talk shows and he would say, "They don't have room for a band,"" Bublé says. "So I would say, 'You get me on that couch and let me talk for five minutes. I'll sell more records than with a band.' And the reason I say that is, as much as people like music, I don't think they buy products. They buy people. ... I like using humor to communicate, and it's nice, considering the type of music I sing and the fan base, to be self-deprecating." PHIL GALLO (BILLBOARD)



Silent Victory: "The Artist" got another awards season boost Monday after it was named the best film of 2011 by the Washington Area Film Critics Association. The group — which consists of film journalists from the D.C. region — elevated the silent film to best picture status over its four competitors: "Hugo," "Drive," "The Descendants" and "Win Win." George Clooney and Michelle Williams took home the top acting honors. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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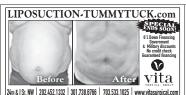
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A New Path To Britain

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Television

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the Silver Spring-based Acorn Media Group has quietly grown into an international independent media company and leading distributor of British series on DVD. And it's picking up steam with a streaming video website that offers seasons of classic British shows.

Known as Acorn TV, the subscription service launched in July and offers full seasons of 10 shows at a time, rotating content every week (The first episode of any show is free; full access to the site is \$24.99 per year). With drama, mystery ("Foyle's War," one its most popular shows) and dramedy ("Fortysomething"), Acorn TV's library is filled with shows that cater to the British-TV-loving audience.

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The interface will be available to Xbox users connected to the Internet via a download on Tuesday.

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of Chicago. Like Bourdain, Sakey curses a lot, or at least he seems to under the muffling blanket of bleeps. And like the host of "No Reservations," he makes pointed, if obvious, references to pop culture trends that annoy him. Beating boy bands like a pinata, he compares them to the evil of Hitler and Stalin. It somehow seems forced, not to mention dated.

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Cartoon Chaos

A mysterious wave of color crashes over "Eureka," (8 p.m., Syfy), leaving the entire town and its genius inhabitants animated. Different animation styles are put to entertaining use as Sheriff Carter (Colin Ferguson, shown) and the residents scramble to set things right. The episode also features a stellar lineup of guest voices, including Jim Parsons, Edward James Olmos and Chris Parnell. (TM)

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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You'll be in charge of an endeavor that involves more people than just those in your inner circle. It's time to get to know them better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

An emotional situation challenges you in a way that is unexpected — but you have what it takes to do what is required.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will be able to keep things in order even as others let things fall apart around you. Remember you can't call the shots for everyone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be called upon to lend your expertise to a situation that is not developing the way anyone else expected. Your open mind is a help.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) After looking at all the evidence, you may be able to come up with a new explanation for a mystery long thought solved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're trying to do something on your own that usually takes two or three individuals — but you may know something others don't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may get yourself in something of a hole early in the day, but if you are persistent you can recover and regain lost ground.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let yourself fall prey to your own cravings. Control the urges that might introduce you to a dangerous situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll have a chance to share information in a way that is more productive. Take care that things don't become too political.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can't claim to be ignorant of the situation that is in the spotlight; be willing to put your knowledge to the test.

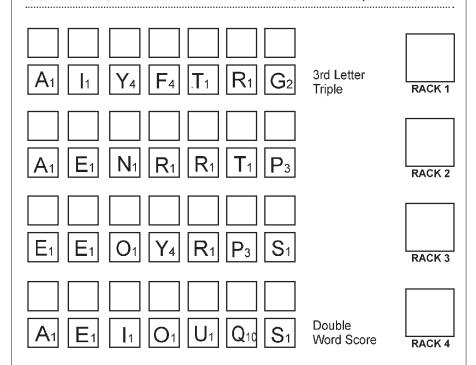
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your interaction with others will be colored by your reaction to one or two events that recently occurred close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others are more than willing to give you what you need, provided you express a willingness to return the favor in due course.



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D ₂ A ₁ M ₃ A ₁ G ₂ E ₁	RACK 1 =	10_
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D ₂ I ₁ S ₁ L ₁ I ₁ K ₅ E ₁	RACK 3 =	86
G ₂ U ₁ M ₃ S ₁ H ₄ O ₁ E ₁	RACK 4 =	66_
	TOTAL	220

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Yesterday's Solution

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2	6	9	4	7	3	1	8	5
5	4	8	2	1	6	3	9	7
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Forecast



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Today: A little rain today; fog in the morning. A little rain tonight.



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Tomorrow: Cooler tomorrow with rain. Rain, then snow tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead







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Sunrise today: 7:12 a.m. Sunset today: 4:46 p.m. Moonrise today: 2:11 p.m. Moonset today: 3:29 a.m. Almanac Normal high: 50 Record high: 75 Normal low: 35

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Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Bitter to the taste
- __ la vista, baby!"
- 11 Not quite right, as a musical note
- 14 "Gay" city in a Cole Porter song
- 15 Not exactly a brainiac
- 16 Tell it like it isn't
- 17 Iran-Contra Affair figure
- 19 "Rub-a-dub-dub, three men tub"
- 20 Evil old women
- 21 Largest human gland 23 Wearing away by friction
- 27 Mark over a vowel
- 29 Experience anew
- 30 Yardsticks
- 33 $\,$ Draw $\,$ __ in the sand
- 34 Water slide feature
- 35 Canonized mlle.
- 36 Rescue
- _ Were the Days"
- 38 For men only
- 39 A hot time, in France
- 40 Adjective for coffee, jig
- or whiskey
- 41 A question of possession
- 42 Mocking
- 44 "Shot Heard 'Round the World" pitcher Ralph
- 45 Figure of speech
- 46 1853-56 war
- 47 Nile dam
- 49 Illegally lend a hand
- 50 Hit the slopes 51 Stan Laurel's co-star
- 58 'Twas in the present? 59 Word with "postage" or
- "parking" 60 Accustom to hardship
- (var.)
- 61 Queen of the hill?
- 62 Decade components
- 63 Dunkable item

DOWN

- 1 G.I.'s mail drop 2 Ripken, the Baltimore legend
- 3 "___ tu" (Verdi aria)
- 5 Abode that's all abuzz
- 4 Prepare to burn rubber

6 Door part 28 Observance

59

62

- 7 Commotions of Shakespearean
- proportions?
- 8 Walter Raleigh or Walter Scott
- 9 Nursery moppet
- 10 Any Olympian
- 11 Best Director, twice
- 12 Exquisite
- 13 Adrenaline trigger
- 18 Enthusiastic thumbs-
- up review
- 22 "Now _. seen
- everything!"
- 23 Bleeped out
- 24 Have a connection
- 25 Dickens opus
- 26 ___ qua non
- 27 Hairdresser's
- implement

- 30 Picked out
- 31 Source of the
- Mississippi
- 32 Sea separating Greece

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- from Turkey
- 34 Onion cousin
- 37 Fall start?
- 38 Pillow cover
- 40 Equality of political
- riahts
- 41 Squirmed in pain
- 43 Nest egg component, briefly
- 44 "Song of the South"
- title for Rabbit or Fox
- 46 Radio-active truckers?
- 47 Dog in "The Thin Man"
- 48 Tattooist's surface 49 State point-blank
- 52 Bruce of kung fu films

53 Make-double connector 54 Enero begins it

MEASURE UP

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- 56 "Red River" actress Joanne
- 57 "Is it soup ____?

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Today in History

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Congress moves from New York to Philadelphia.

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'Please Admire My Fiancée And My Taste in Diamonds'

Rosie O'Donnell and her girlfriend, Michelle Rounds, are engaged. O'Donnell's publicist and a spokesman for the Oprah Winfrey Network say the host of "The Rosie Show" told her studio audience about the engagement Monday during a commercial break. O'Donnell also tweeted the words "so so so happy" with a photo of Rounds wearing an engagement ring. (AP)

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Did You Notice There's Not a Single Kardashian On This Page Today?



Kim Richards, of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," has entered rehab, reported "Entertainment Tonight." Various co-stars have accused Rich-

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Oops

'Twas an Honest Mistake

Christie Brinkley told TMZ.com that "I regret not paying more attention to my accounting." Brinkley owes \$531,720 in back taxes. "My taxes will be paid in full by Wednesday, Dec. 7," she added. (EXPRESS)



Giuliana Rancic to Undergo **Surgery for Breast Cancer**

Six weeks after revealing she has breast cancer, E!'s Giuliana Rancic says she will have a double mastectomy. "It was not an easy decision, but it was the best decision for me," she told the "Today" show

Monday. She plans to have the surgery next week. (AP)



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